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BEFORE THE  
  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Madison Gas and Electric Company for Authority to  
Construct and Place in Operation an 83 MW Combustion Turbine  
Electric Generating Facility to be Located in Marinette County,  
Wisconsin

3270-CE-121

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING,  
INVESTIGATION, AND HEARING**

**THIS IS A PROCEEDING** to consider the application of Madison Gas and Electric Company (MGE) for authority to construct and place in operation an 83 MW natural gas fired combustion turbine electric generating unit at the existing West Marinette Generating Station located in Marinette County, Wisconsin. Copies of the application are available for review at the Stephenson Public Library in Marinette, the Peshtigo Library, at the office of the clerk of Marinette County, and at the offices of the municipal clerks of the town of Peshtigo and the city of Marinette.

The application will be the subject of a public hearing. The hearing schedule appears below.

Hearing Schedule	
<b>Hearing Date:</b>	November 20, 1998, 1:30 p.m.
<b>Hearing Location:</b>	Peshtigo Town Hall W2435 Old Peshtigo Road Marinette, WI 54143

**Need for New Generation, Transmission, and Natural Gas Facilities**

In 1997, the PSC identified a need for new electric generation capacity, and ordered MGE to build, or have built, a portion of this needed capacity. This capacity is needed to maintain the reliability of the state's electric system.

## **Project Location**

The project is proposed to be installed at Wisconsin Public Service Corporation's existing West Marinette Generating Station. The existing facilities at West Marinette consist of three natural gas fired combustion turbines with a total generating capacity of 163 MW. The proposed project site is detailed on the attached map. There are no alternative sites being considered.

## **Project Schedule**

If the Commission approves the application, construction of the combustion turbine unit and supporting facilities is scheduled to begin in June 1999. The new turbine is expected to be in service by June 2000.

## **Project Review and Approval**

The proposed project needs the approval of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as well as the Commission. Commission staff and DNR staff are reviewing the proposed project for potential environmental, electrical system, and natural gas supply impacts. The Commission will approve, modify, or deny the application based on the hearing record in this case. The DNR will issue permits at a later date.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Commission will hold a public hearing on November 20, 1998, at 1:30 p.m. at the Peshtigo Town Hall. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact Richard Teslaw at (608) 267-9766. Further hearings may continue at times and places designated by the presiding hearing examiner.

The record of this public hearing will be the legal basis for the decisions made by the Commission on the application. Property owners and any other persons with interests or concerns about the proposed project are strongly urged to attend and participate in the public hearing. Interests or concerns expressed outside of the hearing, or after the hearing is closed, cannot be used by the Commission to make its decision.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that full parties shall file an **original and 15 copies** of direct testimony with the Commission and shall provide a copy to other full parties by **noon on November 13, 1998**. Rebuttal testimony is due in hand by **noon on November 19, 1998**. Fax filings are due one day earlier than the above dates to allow time for copies to be made. Fax filing cover sheets must state "Official Filing" and the number of pages (the limit for fax filing is 20 pages). File by one mode only. Copies of the direct testimony may be obtained by calling (608) 266-5990 or by written request to the Electric Division, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707-7854, **after November 13, 1998**. Copies of rebuttal testimony may be obtained after

**November 20, 1998.** Refer to docket 3270-CE-121 in your request. Copies will also be available at the hearing. Members of the public who are not full parties do not need to prefile testimony and may testify at the hearing.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that persons intending to participate as a full party must indicate such interest in writing, referencing docket 3270-CE-121, to Jeffry Patzke, Hearing Examiner, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707-7854. ***A fax number should be furnished.*** Even if a person has been included on the mailing list in these dockets, full party status must be requested separately subsequent to the issuance of this notice of hearing

This is a Class 1 contested case under Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3). This is a Type I action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(1). This case requires the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) under Wis. Stat. § 1.11. The public hearings will be held after completion of the EIS. Persons with questions or comments on the environmental aspects of this case are encouraged to testify and may contact William Fannucchi, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707-7854 or call him at (608) 267-3594. Additional copies of the EIS may be obtained by calling (608) 266-5990. Comments on the EIS will be accepted until the close of the public hearings.

Please note that the usual 30-day review period between the time that the Final EIS is available and the date of the hearing has been shortened to 15 days for this proceeding. This shortening of the review period is necessary because of the accelerated schedule for this proceeding required by 1997 Wisconsin Act 204, Section 96(1).

General questions about this matter can be answered by contacting David B. Iliff, Electric Division, at (608) 266-3905 or by e-mail (iliffd@psc.state.wi.us). Specific questions about the hearing process can be answered by calling Jeffry Patzke, Hearing Examiner, at (608) 266-7165. To contact Madison Gas and Electric Company about the proposed project, call Al Alatalo at (608) 252-7945.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

By the Commission.

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Lynda L. Dorr  
Secretary to the Commission